

OWINGSVILLE OUTLOOK

OWINGSVILLE, KENTUCKY,

THURSDAY, JULY 13, 1922

BATH COUNTY TO VOTE ON BOND ISSUE

ON SEPT. 16, 1922 THE VOTERS OF BATH COUNTY WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF EXPRESSING THEMSELVES FOR OR AGAINST GOOD ROADS AND ALL IMPROVEMENTS THAT GO HAND IN HAND WITH THEM. ON THIS DAY THE POLLS IN EVERY VOTING PRECINCT WILL BE OPENED AND VOTERS WILL BE ASKED THE QUESTION, "ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF ISSUING THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$300,000.00) DOLLARS IN BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING ROADS AND BRIDGES?"

IF YOU ARE AN ADVOCATE OF GOOD ROADS, IF YOU BELIEVE IN PROGRESS AND DEVELOPEMENT, IF YOU WANT BATH COUNTY TO HAVE WHAT OTHER COUNTIES ARE GETTING, THEN YOU WILL VOTE 'YES.' UPON THE RESULT OF THIS ELECTION WILL DEPEND THE FUTURE OF YOUR COUNTY. BY IT WILL BE DETERMINED FOREVER WHETHER OR NOT THE GREAT NATIONAL HIGHWAY KNOWN AS THE **MIDLAND TRAIL** WILL RUN THROUGH YOUR COUNTY AND THUS CONNECT YOU UP WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD.

IF THIS OPPORTUNITY IS LET GO BY THE POSSIBILITY OF BATH COUNTY GETTING THIS GREAT MODERN ROAD, WILL BE LOST FOREVER.

THAT EVERY VOTER MIGHT BETTER AND MORE INTELLIGENTLY UNDERSTAND THE ISSUE; THAT HE MIGHT NOT BE DECEIVED BY MISLEADING STATEMENTS MADE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERSUADING HIM TO VOTE AGAINST HIS OWN INTERESTS, THE WHOLE ISSUE AND ALL OF THE FACTS, BASED UPON LAW, WILL BE SET FORTH IN THIS SPACE FROM TIME TO TIME.

HEREWITH ARE GIVEN A FEW OF THE LEADING FACTS AND FIGURES CONCERNING THIS ISSUE. THINK THEM OVER CAREFULLY AND INVESTIGATE THEIR TRUTH:

1. THE BONDS WILL BE, IF VOTED, USED FIRST TO BUILD THE MIDLAND TRAIL AND THEN FOR SUCH OTHER ROADS AS ARE DESIGNATED BY THE FISCAL COURT AND MARKED OUT FOR STATE OR FEDERAL AID. THIS ORDER OF THE FISCAL COURT WILL BE A CONTRACT WITH THE VOTER AND CANNOT BE CHANGED BY ANY SUBSEQUENT ORDER.

2. FOR EVERY 25 CENTS SPENT ON THE MIDLAND TRAIL BY BATH COUNTY, THE STATE WILL SPEND 25 CENTS AND THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT 50 CENTS, MAKING THE TOTAL EXPENDITURES BY THE COUNTY REPRESENT ONLY $\frac{1}{4}$ OF THE TOTAL COST OF THE ROAD.

3. BONDS WILL BE ISSUED ONLY AS NEEDED—THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE BOND ISSUE **WILL NOT** BE CALLED OUT AT ONCE. THE BONDS WILL RUN FOR THIRTY YEARS, THUS DIVIDING THE BURDEN BETWEEN TWO GENERATIONS.

4. UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF KENTUCKY, NO TAX IN EXCESS OF 20 CENTS CAN BE LEVIED TO TAKE CARE OF THE BOND ISSUE. ANY STATEMENT TO THE CONTRARY IS **FALSE**. BUT A TAX OF 10 CENTS WILL TAKE CARE OF THE BONDS AND IN SOME YEARS, THE TAX WILL BE EVEN LOWER THAN THIS.

5. IF THE BONDS ARE VOTED THE GENERAL ROAD FUND OF THE COUNTY WILL BE RELIEVED FOREVER OF THE EXPENSE OF THE UP-KEEP ON THE ROADS BUILT BY THE BONDS, AND THE FISCAL COURT WILL BE THUS IN POSITION TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN OTHER ROADS IN THE COUNTY LONG NEGLECTED BECAUSE OF LACK OF FUNDS.

6. IN THE NEXT 30 YEARS THE TAX PAYERS OF BATH COUNTY WILL PAY INTO THE STATE TREASURY APPROXIMATELY \$150,000.00, ALL OF WHICH WILL BE APPLIED TO ROAD BUILDING IN OTHER COUNTIES, NOT ONE DIME OF THIS AMOUNT WILL BE SPENT IN BATH COUNTY UNLESS THE BONDS ARE VOTED. WHY CONTRIBUTE TO ROAD BUILDING IN OTHER COUNTIES AND HAVE NO ROADS OURSELVES?

7. 60 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL COST OF THE MIDLAND TRAIL THROUGH BATH COUNTY OR \$360,000.00 WILL BE SPENT IN BATH COUNTY FOR LABOR OF MEN AND TEAMS. THIS IS MORE THAN TWICE THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT BATH COUNTY WILL SPEND ON THIS ROAD. NOW IF BY SPENDING \$150,000.00 BATH COUNTY WILL IN TURN RECEIVE \$360,000.00 FOR LABOR, IS THIS ALONE NOT CONVINCING THAT THE BONDS SHOULD BE VOTED AND THE ROADS BUILT. HUNDREDS OF BATH COUNTY MEN AND TEAMS WILL BE AFFORDED WORK AT LIBERAL WAGES ON THIS AND OTHER ROADS FOR SEVERAL YEARS TO COME.

IN SUBSEQUENT ISSUE OF THIS PAPER OTHER FACT AND FIGURE PERTAINING TO THE BOND ISSUE WILL BE PUBLISHED.